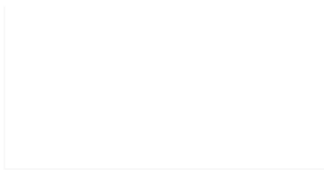


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Your story Dear Sir or Madam ,

Now to start this I don't know what is causing polar ice caps to melt , but from what I have seen from satellite images they areAs everyone looks to sea and levels rising , we seem to forget that water evaporates and as steam rises forms clouds and falls back to earth

as either snow , hail , rain

That said, this event that has hit the northern rivers area and devastated so many lives , seems to be something that didn't happen in the past , may never happen againBUT IT DID HAPPEN ...

Insurance that is different in the same streets seems to me to be a bit weirdand if insurance schemes won't cover flood events to rebuild then what do people do ...

From here we go to a scheme Mr .P.Costello had made into legislation federally it is the MULTINATIONAL INVESTMENT GUARANTEE act OF AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT 1998 , commonly known as (miga).....My thinking as to this is why can't we establish a "community investment guarantee act " , of federal government???? It would seem we can buy a copyright for \$20,000,000 and pay a penalty of \$5.5billion for a vessel contract default , pay huge amounts for election campaigns , then seen bush fore example as to people and how they live today , and gee it would be getting cold in those areas now ...so must be disposable cash somewhere eh ..

This would allow us now to maintain infrastructure like roads , bridges , homes ...and of course SEWAGE infrastructure .

During this exceptional event , it was shown the inadequacy of current system throughout the northern rivers , with raw sewage being released at Lismore in a quantity of 4 meg a daily , right through system where i have had conversation as to surcharge of raw sewage through manholes in towns of coraki and wardell for examplethis would indicate that external water entering system in a quantity that was far greater than just a trickle and in conclusion brings into question integrity of pipe work that

take sewage to treatment plant ..

A little side issue here is that we are charged an average fee for effluent treatment on our rates, it is shown on rate notice at beginning of term of rates period how is this calculated and are we paying for water that enters system through compromised pipe work , I have asked how this is recond but as yet haven't received an answer to this specific questionAlso another issue is that when all those years ago pan toilet service was made redundant and we were put on sewer with it enhanced fees , i can find no record of the redundant service fee \$ WISE being removed , now with % increases annually this would be a major component today of rating system today and could be utilized for what i have suggested abovesome food for thought here

With natural indicators in my example of trying to get a blister to heal and getting infected some time ago , i was this regularly going to patches beach in area , thinking , like in my very early years it would do me good the natural salt water , it got infected and became a problem to me personally , where i had to take course of antibiotics , and really had trouble for a while , this event has left scaring ...Then the DPI having a sign at Patches Beach access where pipis cant be removed due to human health concernsI ASKED ABOUT THIS AT A COMMUNITY MEETINGan answer i got was pipis are checked for E.Coli levels regularly and above a certain level harvest stopped ...this has been undertaken for some time now ..

Now also with licencing of effluent releases , there comes a problem that it is effluent release still , under licence requirements , and i take this that it is higher than natural rain water , with human population not being natural , being that science keeps us alive as opposed to other animals , we need unnatural ability to maintain a health in an advanced ever populatating society

....It would seem , that even if treated effluent above natural , it would be a case of same horse as raw sewage , with the same Jockey , going to a same finish line however its the track that is a longer one for treated sewage

Why I say this is because river tides last about 6 hour in and out and wouldnt flush treated effluent releases daily coming for all communities along Richmond and Wilson's rivers and its tributaries ...

So before more housing is considered I feel that an insurance scheme like multinationals had , if it doesn't exist today, had to cover these works to lessen the burden on rate payers in NSW .

SEWAGE HAS TO BE TREATED and this is a classic example , it saddens me to see an environment that sustains us , compromised by a lack of what I can see is vision and design and a better way to treat the excess of human consumption in the future so people can enjoy a river , to fish , swim etc to escape the everyday pressure of life , without in the back of mind the stigma maybe a health issue and commercial fishermen can do their work in a clean , safe to sell very best of product ..

Regards Allan DRURY
Rate payer

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